

BEFORE THE
Federal Communications Commission

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Administration of the) CC Docket No. 92-237
North American Numbering Plan)

To: The Commission

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**APPLICATION OF AMERICAN
PETROLEUM INSTITUTE FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL**

The American Petroleum Institute ("API"), by its attorneys, hereby submits its application for membership on the North American Numbering Council ("NANC" or "Council") in response to the Commission's Public Notice, DA-95-1721, released August 9, 1995. 60 Fed. Reg. 42158 (August 15, 1995). The NANC was established by the Commission as part of its restructuring of the North American Numbering Plan Administration.^{1/}

^{1/} See Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, CC Docket No. 92-237, Report and Order, FCC 95-283, released July 13, 1995.

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I. API HAS A UNIQUE POSITION IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY.

1. API is a national trade association representing approximately 300 companies involved in all phases of the petroleum and natural gas industries, including exploration, production, refining, marketing, and transportation of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas. Among its many activities, API acts on behalf of its members as spokesperson before federal and state regulatory agencies. The trade association is actively involved in various telecommunications activities. API's Telecommunications Committee is one of the standing committees of the organization's Information Systems Committee. The Telecommunications Committee evaluates and develops responses to state and federal proposals affecting telecommunications facilities and services used in the oil and gas industries.

2. Broadly speaking, API is concerned that both carriers and PBX vendors do not fully appreciate the impact of numbering plan changes on the efficient and reliable operation of corporate networks. Thus, API believes the user perspective should be fully represented on the Council.

II. API NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

3. API nominates Raymond E. Cline, Jr., for Council membership. Mr. Cline is the Director of Information Systems at the American Petroleum Institute and is suitably qualified to represent the interests of API in regard to NANC issues. Mr. Cline works with both the Information Systems and Telecommunications Committees of the American Petroleum Institute. His responsibilities include facilitating shared projects and technical data exchange on information infrastructure in the petroleum industry. He is responsible for the development of industry interfaces for the Department of Energy's Gas and Oil National Information Infrastructure ("GONII") Program. He understands the interests of large telecommunications users maintaining voice and data networks in multinational environments and the importance of numbering and address systems as the demand for discrete telephone numbers continues to accelerate.

4. Mr. Cline is also involved with emerging technologies. He is currently developing strategies to maximize the business value of various emerging information technologies. Mr. Cline is suitably qualified to represent the interests of API in regard to NANC issues. He can be contacted as follows:

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Mr. Cline's alternative will be Ross Stapleton-Gray, who is a member of the API Information Systems group. He was a member of the Clinton Administration's Information Infrastructure Task Force (July 1983 - October 1994).

Mr. Stapleton-Gray has a high level of expertise in information policy and regulation, privacy, and is presently the President of Internet Society, Washington, D.C. Chapter. Mr. Stapleton-Gray can be contacted as follows:

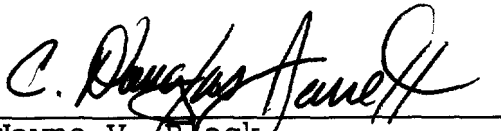
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